

**MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Called Work Session Minutes – Social Studies Standards & Rigor and Relationships Training
Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Education of the Mooresville Graded School District met in a duly noticed called work session on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedars & Merchant rooms at the Charles Mack Citizen Center, 215 N. Main Street, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Present were Mr. Roger Hyatt, Chairman; Mr. Greg Whitfield, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Leon Pridgen; Dr. Debbie Marsh; and Mrs. Kerry Pennell.

Dr. Stephen Mauney, Superintendent, was present.

Mrs. Angela Davis, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Todd Black, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction and CTE; Dr. Quinetta Hall Pratt, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction; Dr. Sandy Albert, Chief Student Services Officer; Dr. Ingrid Medlock, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Dr. Scott Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services; Dr. Michael Royal, Chief Operations Officer; Mrs. Tanae McLean, Chief Communications Officer and Title IX Coordinator; Tracey Waid, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator; and Mrs. Sylvia Martinez, Board Clerk were present.

Mr. Hyatt called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mr. Pridgen, the board voted unanimously to approve the meeting's agenda as presented.

A called work session was held in order to present the new 2021-2022 NC social studies standards that were approved by the NC State Board of Education on February 4, 2021, provide an overview of the MGSD Rigor and Relationship training, review the goals for MGSD, share the MGSD Vision Statement, and Core Beliefs.

2021-2022 New Social Studies Standards: Dr. Mauney explained that the new Social Studies Standards will help students think critically and learn from different perspectives. He shared that the new Social Studies Standards would be presented and explained to provide district stakeholders and parents with accurate facts and to clarify some of the disinformation causing some of our parent's apprehension and concerns. Dr. Mauney advised there are no references to Critical Race Theory or the "1619 Project" in the new social studies standards and MGSD is not seeking to build division within our students, place blame, or indoctrinate our students. Dr. Mauney introduced Mrs. Waid, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, who presented the new 2021 Social Studies Standards revisions and the key changes and expectations for teachers. The presentation included an overview of changes

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and comparisons of the 2010 old social studies standards versus the 2021 new social studies standards, 8th grade social studies examples from 2010, vs 8th grade social studies examples for 2021, MGSD expectations for social studies teachers, and MGSD expectations for social studies instruction. Mrs. Waid advised there are NO references to Critical Race Theory or the 1619 Project in the state approved standards, and shared MGSD is providing social studies teachers with great training and workshops in preparation for the new social studies standards.

Rigor and Relationships Training: Dr. Mauney shared the 2021-2022 school year charge is “Rigor & Relationships,” and advised his goal for MGSD is to be a culturally responsive district, where our students feel appreciated and valued and where our educators are building positive and authentic relationships with their students. He presented and explained the Rigor & Relationships, R2 for all Triangle, goals, and training. Dr. Mauney advised Racial Equity Institute training has been a focus for MGSD for the past few years and prior to the pandemic, school board members, executives, and administrators attended REI trainings to help them attain a better understanding of institutional and structural racism. At Dr. Mauney’s request, each board member shared their experience and takeaway from attending the REI training, explained how the training impacted each of them, and shared their personal experiences growing up and experiencing racism around them.

Board Discussion: Board members held an open discussion regarding the new 2021 Social Studies Standards and expressed their appreciation and excitement for the new standards. They thanked Dr. Mauney and the leadership team for all of their hard work in preparing for the new Social Studies Standards and for their transparency.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephen A. Mauney, Secretary
Board of Education